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Sir:

On January 23, 2004, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, filed an RCE application to consider, among other reasons, an IDS filed on December 19, 2003 submitting documents from a Partial European search report (PESR). The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, now hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner additional documents noted on the accompanying PTO Form 1449. Copies are provided except for those documents previously submitted from the PESR.

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Please consider the newly-cited references, together with the documents submitted from the PESR, and make that consideration of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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